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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting, MB Docket No. 12-108

Dear Ms Dortch:

On behalf of Montgomery County, Maryland's Office of Cable and Broadband Services, the undersigned submits this notice of *ex parte* meeting in the above-captioned proceeding.

On April 26, 2013, Mitsuko Herrera, Cable & Broadband Communications Administrator of the Office of Cable and Broadband Services, spoke with Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau about the scope of the Commission's legal authority under the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 ("CVAA"). Ms. Herrera stated that the second largest cable operator in Montgomery County does not provide information on its on-screen guide informing viewers that the County's local PEG programs are closed captioned, and expressed the County's belief that the CVAA requires video programming information to be accessible in real-time by individuals with hearing or visual disabilities and that the Commission has authority under the CVAA and its ancillary authority to require that cable operators provide program names, closed captioning icons, and other program descriptive information on on-screen guides.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail Karish  
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